

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Buy Butternut each and every day. —82-4

Coming, "The Man from Home."—adv.-tt.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. —02-tf-c

Oscar Vibber, chief of police, was in Ithaca on business Saturday.

Fresh salted peanuts, 19c per pound. DeLuxe Candy Co.—adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murphy left Wednesday evening for a few days visit in Chicago.

Dr. E. G. Snyder, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. —57-tf

Glenn Wilbur, who is employed at London, Ontario, by the Ruggles Truck Company, was home the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worden and little daughter of Petoskey are visiting at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. D. B. Friable.

Come one! Come all! to the box social at 530 Woodworth avenue. A royal good time in store for you January 21, 1921.—adv.-82-2w.

Rev. Shouffer of the Baptist church is in Port Huron this week assisting in some special services that are being held in that city.

The W. R. C. Thimble Club will meet with Mrs. Cliff Rockwell, 823 River avenue, Tuesday, January 18, for an all day meeting. Potluck dinner.

The B. N. of A. will meet at the home of Mrs. Gais, 319 Moyer avenue, January 19, at 2 o'clock p. m. All members are urged to be present as there will be election of officers.

E. L. Smith returned the first of the week from an extended business trip to London, Ontario, and New York City. He expects to return to London, the latter part of the present week.

The fire department was called to the home of Clarence Warner, on Gratiot avenue Wednesday morning where a small roof fire had started. It was extinguished with only a very small damage.

Lloyd Ellison received word from his son, Chester, that he was sailing Monday of next week for Panama for two years. He goes to Panama for the Internal Banking corporation of New York City.

Sparks from the chimney at the Strand theatre, Tuesday morning, set fire to the awning in front of the Strand Sweet Shop, numerous small holes being burned in the awning before the fire was extinguished.

Mrs. Harry Patterson on Hastings street entertained the ladies of St. Mary's Altar Society Thursday afternoon at the regular monthly meeting. Election of officers was held for the coming year after which Mrs. Patterson served a delightful lunch. The past year has been a very successful one. Much credit is due Mrs. Ernest Seig, the president.

H. M. Page has returned from a ten day trip through the irrigated section of Texas in the vicinity of the Rio Grande river. He brought back samples of grape fruit from four year old trees, and other fruits grown there, and also samples of the corn from that region. He states that two crops of corn are secured in the irrigated section yearly. Mr. Page has taken the agency in this vicinity for land in that section of Texas.

GIVE PLAY

Benefit Play For The "Maroon And Cream."

The appealing and stirring American comedy-drama, "The Man from Home," by Booth Tarkington and Harry Wilson, is to be given at the Strand theatre on the evening of January 24, at 8:15 p. m., under the auspices of the Senior and Junior classes of Alma College.

Two American young people, a brother and sister, traveling in Europe become dazzled by the false glories of a party of English aristocracy, and are about to form marriage alliances with them, when suddenly there appears on the scene, a quaint and homely American lawyer from Kokomo, Indiana, who proceeds to spoil the game of the crooks. He is the guardian of the young people and in that capacity he thwarts their designs and the plans of his wards, who, shocked at his manners, determine to proceed regardless of his wishes. A Russian Grand-Duke travelling incognito, and later an escaped convict, entangle the maze of threads, and finally enable the American to open the eyes of his wards to the fact that a British family can undergo terrific changes between the days of Crecy and Agincourt, and our own day. His chief end attained, he shows the girl that an American alliance is entirely to be desired.

The story is told in the incomparable style of Booth Tarkington, the master story-teller, told with the freedom and ease of a play of the American "common people." It is democratic to the last analysis, and a play which cannot fail to delight all who may see it, and to render sorry all who may miss it for any reason.

The best talent in the Senior and Junior Classes of the college has been enlisted, and it is to be prophesied that with the cooperation of the public we shall enjoy a splendid evening of dramatics on January 24.

Cast of Characters
 Daniel Voorhees Pike, Lee M. Sharrar
 Grand-Duke Vasil, Robert D. Wyatt
 Lord Hawenstle, Roger Zinn
 Almerie St. Aubyn, Frank Vreeland
 Horace Granger-Simpson, J. L. Hale
 Ivanoff, Lyle De Barnhart
 Ribiere, Hartzell Lyon
 Mariano, William Hicks
 Michele
 Ethel Granger-Simpson, M. E. Moore
 Lady Crecy, Esther M. Friedrich
 Comtesse de Champigny, F. Purdy
 Carabiniere, populace, musicians, etc.

SUBMITS REPORT

Mrs. William Schiff Submits Report of State Association.

The following report of the State Association of Farmer's Clubs, which was recently held in Lansing, has been submitted to The Record by Mrs. Wm. Schiff:

"The 28th annual meeting of the State Ass'n of Farmers' Clubs convened in the Senate Chamber in Lansing.

"Professor W. D. Henderson of Extension Dept. of U. of M. gave a pointed talk on Centralized Schools stating that we were on the verge of a new world. We have the new church, new woman, new school, and most important is the school which deals largely with the rural child. We must have better teachers, more connected courses and uniform methods. Country children today are two years behind city children due to poor teaching by young and inexperienced teachers.

This new plan will cost more to begin with but will give us more; and will give us better boys and girls which will mean that it is a cheaper plan for the future.

"Hon. Jas. McBride, State Market Director, next discussed the reason for there being no market for wool. 1st. No foreign market because of difference in exchange. 2nd. Australia is importing wool and mutton. 3rd. Last year every woolen manufacturer used a certain per cent of shoddy which permits them to say it is all wool but not really virgin wool. We need a pure fabric bill to have each garment and piece of cloth tagged as to the per cent of pure wool it contains.

"The State Farm Bureau is advancing the slogan "Buy a Blanket" and are planning to manufacture this year's clip into auto robes and blankets at a nominal cost yet giving the grower cost of production.

"The Michigan Farm Bureau was next discussed by State Organizer B. A. Holden, who explained how our present system of marketing is inefficient. There are no profits hence the trend of all our young people toward the city, and the farmer is losing out. The remedy for this is co-operation through a better system of organization. The farmer has faith in the Farm Bureau because he sees in it a strictly business organization therefore a success.

"Tuesday evening a fine banquet was served by Senior girls of M. A. C. at Chamber of Commerce building. This was followed by several delightful toasts, the first being the President's address by Alfred Allen of Mason, who said in part that the farmer should help himself first by organizing, the only hope of this being the Farm Bureau; second, better farming, more raised on less acres. An alarming fact has been proven in soil fertility in that only 52 per cent of Michigan's soil fertility is left.

"Third, Better system of legislation as to taxation and representation in the legislature.

"Rev. W. A. Culter next spoke of Church Federation for Rural Communities, explaining a consolidated church in a community where several denominations were simply existing. In one church the Sunday service is held, in another a fine library is located, in another social gatherings and games are enjoyed. Each denomination retains its own property thus holding it from returning to the state organization of that church, and each group their own faith.

"The Dean of M. A. C. discussed some of the problems most studied at M. A. C. Health of State should be bettered. 2. Home economics course to be better developed. Its already marvelous growth due to thoroughness in study of foods, sewing and buying, and new course of nursing to be added soon.

"Hon. J. N. McBride next discussed "The Farmer."

"It has been shown that the manufacturers' prices averaged 100 per cent above the pre-war prices in 1920 while the farmer's were 3 per cent below pre-war prices. The farmers should organize on same hours and same wage as other industries.

"We need a body of men to determine supply and demand. The aim of the Farm Bureau is to establish such a committee. We are faithful to our profession not to provide outlets for our products at a profit to ourselves.

"Agriculture has greatest claim on country, therefore is worthy of progress.

Wednesday A. M.

"The National committee report, endorsing on Great Lake and Tidewater projects; more unity and federation between the four great farm organizations represented in Washington; recommending strict enforcement of prohibition law; tightening immigration laws; opposing speculation on the future price of farm products by Board of Trade; recommending the appointment of a practical farmer for Sec'y of Agriculture.

"The State committee reported as endorsing the State Constabulary; pledging co-operation with State Teachers' Association to bring about a complete change in taxation for school purposes; endorsing consolidated schools; endorsing State Live Stock Commission; approval of Farm Bureau wool pool; endorsement of work of State Board of Health.

"Report of Legislative Committee whose object is to promote the interests of Agriculture in the Legislature. This committee is composed of three members from the Gleaners, three from Grange, three from Farmers' Clubs. This committee have placed two members on State Board of Agriculture who are farmers. While committee has been in existence only two years it bears much weight in Legislature.

"Hon. L. Whitney Watkins concluded the session with a discussion of the "Farmer as a Business Man." He stated that it is harder for farmers to co-operate than for business men because the farmer is not dependent on his neighbor as a means of his own success. Farmers have been taught to produce but not to sell. They must now develop salesmanship and be a middleman as well as a producer. They must do this gladly and willingly and show to the world that they want a square deal and prove to the world that they can be trusted."

NUMEROUS ENLISTMENTS

Local Recruiting Officer Enlists Thirteen in Ten Days.

Sgt. C. E. Marsh of the Alma Recruiting office is feeling highly elated over the showing that his office has made during the first ten days of the month, during which time he has enlisted thirteen young men in this section of the state.

He believes that the young men of the country are coming to realize the truth of the words of Governor Harding of Iowa, who said, "I can not be too emphatic in saying that I am amazed—simply amazed—at the wonderful educational and vocational opportunities now available to all young men who enlist in the U. S. army of today. The interest and enthusiasm of the students, the expert and highly qualified instructors, the excellent equipment, the progressive and complete courses offered by each school, in my opinion guarantee absolutely the success of this remarkable proposition."

The men who have enlisted so far this month are J. J. Johnson of Lakeview, Othel S. Mack of Riverdale, Stephen Kovack of Alma, Joseph M. DeKeyser of Alma, at Camp Jackson; Victor D. Fisher of Riverdale and Lloyd Baird of Alma, assigned to Camp Grant; Joseph Shiellhaas of St. Louis, Lyman C. Swears of St. Louis, Lloyd Cornwall of St. Louis, assigned to C. of C. Hawaii; Richard Hudson of Riverdale and Ira S. Howard of Ionia, assigned to Camp Lewis; Lloyd V. Bufford of Mt. Pleasant, assigned to Fort McArthur, Cal., and Manning V. Tremble of Alma, assigned to D. E. M. L., Illinois.

WEATHER SUMMARY

The weather summary for December as reported by F. L. Delavan, local observer, follows: Mean maximum temperature 37 degrees. Mean minimum temperature 25 degrees. Maximum temperature 57 degrees. Minimum temperature 4 degrees. The total precipitation for the month was 4.44 inches, the greatest in 24 hours being 1.3 inches on December 1. The total snowfall for the month was 7 inches. On 14 days .01 or more inches of precipitation fell. There were five clear days during the month, three partly cloudy and 23 cloudy.

Douglas Fairbanks in "The Mark of Zorro"—Strand today.—adv.

AID POLAND

American Red Cross Will Assist in That Country.

With government reports estimating the number of children infected with tuberculosis at 40 per cent, typhus spreading at an alarming rate among the undernourished population, and with an estimated food supply sufficient to last only four months, Poland is facing her darkest winter, according to reports to National Headquarters of the American Red Cross.

After six consecutive years of privation and suffering without adequate food for clothing, children of the new Central European republic fall easy prey to plagues. Tuberculosis among the milk cows of the nation is a strong contributing factor to the alarming spread of the disease. Medical officers of the American Red Cross who have made investigations among the rural districts report bovine tuberculosis is general. As unusually high rate of child mortality is the result.

The coming of winter has brought a recurrence of typhus, the disease that caused hundreds of thousands of deaths in Central Europe last winter. In its effort to better sanitary conditions, the American Red Cross has turned over tons of soap to the danger zones east and south of Warsaw. It will be used in hospitals, public baths and for distribution among the villages.

Before the war Poland made a large amount of soap, but the industry has been crippled by lack of materials and labor. Such alarming health conditions have led the European Relief Council, of which the Red Cross is a member, and which is raising \$33,000,000 for relief among the children of Europe, to appropriate \$10,000,000 toward a medical program.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

A new series of postage stamps has been issued by the government, commemorative of the Tercentenary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, in December, 1620.

The stamps are issued in three denominations, one, two and five cent. The one cent stamp is green, the subject shown being the "Mayflower." The two cent stamp is red, and shows the landing of the Pilgrims. The five cent stamp is blue, and shows the "Signing of the Compact."

The local postoffice has sent for a supply of the commemorative stamps and it will be possible to obtain them very soon. It is understood that they will not be supplied unless asked for, as it is only a commemorative stamp and will not displace present issues.

BETTERMENT OF SOLDERS

Senator Frelinghuysen, a member of the committee on military affairs, has had the following to say of the army. "As a member of the senate committee on the military affairs during the late war, it has fallen to

my lot to make a study of our military policy and methods. To the warm-blooded young American nothing appeals so strongly as military service, as the new peace time Army. It develops him physically, it broadens his vision of life and enlarges his scope of understanding. The soldier of today has every chance in the world to make himself independent for life."

Sgt. C. E. Marsh of the local recruiting office, who feels that the new army offers many inducements to the young man of today, has enlisted a number of men from this section of the state during the past month. Those who enlisted during the latter part of the month are Arthur Miller of Edmore, Axel Parmeter of Ithaca, Walter L. Hayes of Clare, and James A. Robertson of Hubbardston, who are stationed at Camp Sherman, Ohio; and Lloyd L. Baird of this city and Victor D. Fisher of Elwell, who are stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois.

NEW SCHOOL STARTED

Contributions to the funds of the Gratiot County Sunday School Association will be pleased to know that effective work is being done in some localities and that much larger plans are being perfected for future work.

On January 2 after a canvass was made over sixteen sections surrounding the Perry school house in Arcadia township, a new Sunday school was organized with 47 members and the following officers: Superintendent, Frank Clifford; secretary, Miss Mina Hahn; treasurer, Hugh Roberts; chorister, Mrs. Hugh Roberts; librarian, Howard Clifford; janitor, Howard Perry.

For several evenings before and every evening since the organization preaching services have been held, Rev. Wm. Roberts, Rev. M. W. Duffey, Rev. G. D. Yinger, Rev. Peter White and Rev. L. L. Dewey being the preachers. This week Mrs. V. H. Sibley of Saginaw will have charge of the meetings and splendid success is anticipated.

Extensive work will be commenced in other localities as soon as subscriptions are paid in.

MARRIED RECENTLY

Sergeant Charles E. Marsh is a quiet fellow, so quiet about his own affairs that it took some time to establish the fact that when he went to Chicago, ostensibly to spend the holidays that he went for an entirely different purpose, as it has become known that he was united in marriage on December 25, to Miss Esther L. Nelson of Ludington, the ceremony taking place in Chicago. They are now making their home at 309 South State street. Sergeant Marsh is well known here, having been the recruiting officer at the local recruiting office for some months past.

The Record can do your Job Printing—call or telephone.—adv.

Fresh salted peanuts, 19c per pound. DeLuxe Candy Co.—adv.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Alma State Savings Bank AT ALMA, MICHIGAN

at the close of business December 28, 1920, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

RESOURCES	
LOANS AND DISCOUNTS, viz:	
a Secured by collateral	\$ 14,067.50
b Unsecured	441,652.53
c Items in transit	7,435.14
Total	463,155.17
Savings	
a Secured by collateral	55,313.64
b Unsecured	73,429.11
Totals	128,742.75
591,897.92	

BONDS, MORTGAGES AND SECURITIES, viz:	
Savings	
a Real Estate Mortgages	222,901.58
Total	222,901.58
222,901.58	

RESERVES, viz:	
Commercial	
Due from banks in Reserve	26,095.13
Cities	3,675.77
Exchanges for clearing house	5,955.49
Total cash on hand	35,636.39
Savings	
Due from Banks in Reserve	9,904.32
Cities	17,150.00
U. S. Bonds and Cert. of Ind. carried as legal reserve in Sav. Dept. only	15,000.00
Total cash on hand	42,054.32
77,690.71	

COMBINED ACCOUNTS, viz:	
Overdrafts	907.51
Premium Account	16,000.00
Banking House	4,750.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,044.20
Outside Checks and other Cash Items	917,191.92
917,191.92	

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	50,000.00
Surplus Fund	20,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	11,674.56
Dividends Unpaid	20.00
81,694.56	

COMMERCIAL DEPOSITS, viz:	
Comm'l Deposits sub. to ck.	300,810.38
Demand Certificate of Deposit	26.00
Certified Checks	76.66
Cashier's Checks	885.72
Total	301,798.71
301,798.71	

SAVINGS DEPOSITS, viz:	
Book Accounts—subject to Savings By-Laws	143,699.63
Certificates of Deposit—Subject to Savings By-Laws	249,999.02
Total	393,698.65
393,698.65	
Bills Payable	130,000.00
Bonds Sold subject to repurchase.	917,191.92
917,191.92	

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Gratiot, ss.
 I, Karl R. Adams, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear, that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and correctly represents the true state of the several matters therein contained, as shown by the books of the bank.

KARL R. ADAMS, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, 1921.
 WM. C. GLASS, Notary Public.
 My commission expires Nov. 2, 1921.

Correct attest:
 WILLIAM A. BAHKE
 JAMES E. MITCHELL
 DANIEL L. SHARRAR
 Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The FirstState Bank AT ALMA, MICHIGAN

at the close of business December 28, 1920, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

RESOURCES	
LOANS AND DISCOUNTS, viz:	
a Secured by collateral	251,438.40
b Unsecured	313,640.36
c Items in transit	35,204.13
Total	580,282.89

Savings	
a Secured by collateral	83,736.00
b Unsecured	103,470.87
Totals	187,206.87
767,489.76	

BONDS, MORTGAGES AND SECURITIES, viz:	
Savings	
a Real Estate Mortgages	419,366.15
d U. S. Bonds and Cert. of Indebt. in office	—
Totals	419,366.15
419,366.15	

RESERVES, viz	
Commercial	
Due from Banks in Reserve	130,825.91
Cities	3,294.38
Exchanges for clearing house	31,513.33
Total cash on hand	165,739.62
Savings	
U. S. Bonds & Cert. of Ind. carried as legal reserve in Sav. Dept. only	139,150.00
Totals	139,150.00
304,885.62	

COMBINED ACCOUNTS, viz:	
Overdrafts	1,579.83
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,000.00
Outside Checks and other Cash Items	475.62
Total	1,545,794.97

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus Fund	100,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	23,396.67
Dividends Unpaid	—
Reserved for Depreciation on Bldg. and Bonds	2,062.34
2,062.34	

COMMERCIAL DEPOSITS, viz:	
Comm'l Deposits subject to ck.	430,642.99
Demand Certificates of Deposit	185,727.96
Certified Checks	679.54
Total	617,050.49
617,050.49	

SAVINGS DEPOSITS, viz:	
Book Accts.—Subject to Savings By-Laws	327,938.07
Certificates of Deposit—Subject to Savings By-Laws	375,347.40
Total	703,285.47
Notes and Bills rediscounted	—
Other Liabilities—Reserve for Government Bond account	—
Total	1,545,794.97
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STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Gratiot, ss.
 I, Carl H. Washburn, cashier, of the above named bank, do solemnly swear, that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and correctly represents the true state of the several matters therein contained, as shown by the books of the bank.

CARL H. WASHBURN, Cashier
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of January, 1921.
 WM. McFADDEN, Notary Public.
 My commission expires Aug. 20, 1921.

Correct attest:
 LESTER A. SHARP
 CHAS. O. WARD
 CHAS. G. RHODES
 Directors.

Ellison's Grocery

Swift's Premium Bacon, pkg.	28c
Swift's Premium Lard, 5 lb. pail	\$1.25
Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour, pkg.	17c
Famo Pancake Flour, sack	38c
Pure Maple Syrup, qt. cans	\$1.00
Peaches or Apricots, gal. cans	70c
Pineapple, gal. cans	\$1.00
Pop Corn, per lb.	4c
Monarch Peanut Butter, lb	20c
Nibbs Tea, fine value, reduced to	80c
Farm House Tea, reduced to	55c
New Small Prunes, lb.	20c
Yellow or Red Onions, peck	30c
Carrots, peck	25c
Monarch Coffee, lb.	38c
10 lb. Cans Monarch Coffee, each	\$3.50

We are following the markets down on every change.

Plenty of bargains at

Ellison's Grocery

The Holland Furnace Company

Wishes to extend its sincere thanks and appreciation to its many customers and patrons for the past year, by wishing them all the joys and success for the coming new year.

C. L. DANA
 Local Manager

BEEF

Front quarters, young beef	10c
Hind quarters, young beef	14c
Good Stewing Beef	12 1/2c
Choice Kettle Roasts	15c
Tender Beef Roasts	20c
Best cuts Round Steak	25c
Fresh cut Hamburger	20c
Pig Pork in chunk	18c
Fat Pork in chunk	15c
Whole Pork Shoulders	16c
Pig Pork Steak	20c
Pure Home Made Lard	20c
Best Pork Sausage	25c
Boston Bacon in piece	20c

Try our home cured hams—they are fine.